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Hammond Chapter No. 117, R. A. M. Regular stated meeting Wednesday, December 24, Mark Master degree. Visiting companions welcome.

Hammond Council No. 90 R. & S. M. Stated assembly, first Tuesday each month. J. W. Morthland, Recorder.

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MORE DEFIANCE.

Learn from the capital that although this New Year's will mark the passing of the brilliant reception at the White House, official Washington will go calling just the same, even if they will not be received at the White House.

Open house will be the rule with members of the cabinet, and diplomats will don dress parade uniforms and the women their most gorgeous toilettes to pay their calls.

We will have to suspend judgment on this. It sounds like less majesty or whatever it is in a republic. President Wilson may not like it and take stern measures to stop it.

True, the President is just now at outs with the army and navy, but he might call on the Philippine Scouts to enforce his orders.

A LOUISIANA judge sentenced a man to prison for ninety-nine years and a girl for four years for the same crime. About the usual ratio.

GREAT DAY FOR WORKERS.

Although its regular semi-monthly pay day is not due until December 24 the Indiana Steel company at Gary yesterday started to pay its several thousand employees so that they will have their money in time for Christmas. Outside of Gary this doesn't mean much but the employees and their families and the merchants of the city it represents a great deal. And in this manifestation of what the Christmas season means the steel company has done something that certainly is appreciated.

IN case his majesty ignores the appeal to save Mrs. Pankhurst's life, the suffragists may have to appeal to the lady to eat something.

EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION.

This is an age of opportunity for beginners. A hundred years ago our great-grandfathers were apprenticed for a term of years before they began to draw pay. Today a boy of 15 starts out at \$5 to \$15 a week. The question is not how much experience he has had, but what he can do.

Thomas A. Edison began electrical work for a firm in New York City at \$300 a month, when he had had no previous experience in that firm's employ, and had not even brought to them a letter of recommendation. He simply showed them that he knew how to do the particular work they wanted done.

Don't be afraid that you will be left out in the cold because you haven't had experience. The old bookkeeper who makes mistakes is not as valuable as the new one who doesn't. The "experienced" stenographer who misses a word here and there and sends out soiled, eraser-blotched letters is not worth as much as the young intelligent one who gets things right and understands the English language.

SCOUTS AND SOLDIERS.

Admitting that the Boy Scout movement in England is more frankly military than in the United States, the question is being raised whether the course of training here, largely devoted to inculcating in the lads the necessity for being kindly and courteous, is going to make good soldiers of them.

Some of their work is reported as follows:

"I gave an axe to a neighbor who's was broke.
"I buttoned Mary's dress because mamma was busy.
"I shut up the hens, so my father would not have to.
"My grandmother lost her glasses and I found them.
"I lead a blind man to his house.
"There was a cat in a steel trap and I went and let him out.
"I picked up a little bird under a tree and climbed up and put it in its nest."

All these things are good in their way. They will not militate against a boy making a good any may make him a better soldier. The fight instinct is innate and will show itself when needed. If it isn't there it cannot be instilled.

And then think how gratifying this Little Rollo school of training for our future soldiers must be to President Wilson and Secretaries Bryan and Daniels.

IT remains to be seen whether the Utah sheriff will wait the full 5,000,000 years for Rafael Lopez to come out.

SOME SOUND ADVICE.

To those worried souls to whom is entrusted the guidance of the Fort Wayne high school pupils, who art so putingly and threateningly insistent upon changing the present order of the things, the news would respectfully recommend for inspiration the following helpful lines from Walt Mason:

"Oh, parents and grannies, keep tab on the kids, the Neds and the Nannies, the Susies and Sids, and when they're repining and fretful and cross, say, 'There'll be no whining while I am boss!' Just rise and command them to come from their perch, upend them and hand them ten cents worth of birch."—Fort Wayne News.

MR. Bryan undoubtedly will give President Wilson all the assistance he needs in shattering another remaining precedent—that relating to nomination for a second term.

SOME SLIM "PICKIN'S."

At this season employees of the big corporation begin to figure on the gifts they will receive for Christmas, but this year it is predicted there will be "lean pickin's." The passing of the New Haven dividend has been a blow to many people who give liberally at Christmas time, and there are the generally bad conditions also to take into consideration. The year has been a poor one for Wall Street. Stock exchange firms, except in the case of a few, have suffered heavily. Those with big establishments have lost much money. The trust companies, banks and big financial institutions have also felt the effect of the slim market.

There is one class of dealers whose employees, however, are looking forward to something good in the way of Christmas gifts. These are the firms that handle Standard Oil. They have been doing a rushing business and their employees have been complaining of being overworked.

The usual practice in the big trust companies is to give employees a percentage of yearly salary, varying from 5 per cent to 25 per cent, the latter a mark of a very good year. The private banking houses have given big bonuses in some cases during the most prosperous years employees having received their full year's salary.

Stock Exchange firm in the big years of the past have distributed bounties with a lavish hand, but the present year promises to be a moderate one all around.

ANYWAY, Mrs. Pankhurst, with her \$20,000, succeeded in getting away from the income tax.

GEM TRADE GOOD.

It has been frequently noted that the importations of precious stones furnish a pretty good barometer of business conditions. It is supposed that people do not buy luxuries when they are likely to need ready cash. If that be true there is nothing the matter with this country's prosperity, for this year is by 30 per cent the best previous record of jewel imports. During the year \$57,000,000 worth of precious stones will have passed the customs men.

The value of the diamonds in this country alone is enough to ransom a long row of kings. According to the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic

RANDOM THINGS AND FLINGS

QUITE appropriate that the shortest day in the year comes in Christmas week. Most everyone feels short now.

EGG trust magnate in Chicago boasting because he made \$80,000 because of the recent increase in prices. Sort of a case of exaggerated ego.

INASMUCH as Kentucky will not have such a large representation at future G. O. P. national conventions bartenders will not have to lay in such big supplies of mint juleps.

U. S. STEEL CORPORATION at Gary is paying its men today instead of waiting until December 24. Even a trust makes a desirable Santa Claus.

WE now have a peace treaty with Holland. No danger now of any war interfering with the importation of Amsterdam engagement rings.

OF course, when we get government ownership of the telephone lines we will have to pay our phone bills in advance.

JUDGING from appearances each of those Mexican rebel leaders is trying to get the name of being the biggest confederator.

LONDON calls for Chicago sheep, prints the Examiner. And Wall Street seems to call for her lambs.

FRENCH army is on the up grade, says an editorial writer. Judging from the large number of its military aeroplane disasters a large proportion of the army is on the down grade.

Commerce they are worth a billion dollars.

The new tariff law does not seem to have had the effect, as some persons seemed to fear, of causing a big reduction in diamond importations by making it more worth the smuggler's while to bring them in by the "underground" route.

Let us cheer up. Christmas is coming.

SOOR VIEW.

"We think Tennessee politics is worse than others, because it is ours; but take a squint at Mississippi, New York, South Carolina, Illinois and a dozen other States, and you'll see we are not so 'worse.'"—Memphis Commercial Appeal. And why not add Mexico?—Knoxville Journal and Tribune.

IT may be worthy of notice that those Mexican generals who are flocking across the border delayed their coming until the wheat crop had been harvested.

Letters To Santa Claus

Cedar Lake, Ind., Dec. 20.
Dear Santa Claus: I am not busy tonight so I thought I would write to you to let you know what I want for Christmas. I want a Packard automobile, aeroplane, motorcycle, bicycle and as I live in Cedar Lake I want a motor boat. I also want a wagon, sled, piano, prairie set, bedstead, ice box, carpets, kitchen utensils, telephone, a lot in the Shades and some lumber to build a house on it. My father would like a good team of horses and my mother wants a set of furs. Your friend, HERBERT HIBBENTROP.

Hammond, Ind., Dec. 20.
Dear Santa Claus: I want a big auto and a Santa Claus story book, and some neckties and a big bass horn, one that can play tunes, and a green suit and a warm pair of gloves and some nuts and candy. I will hang my stocking up, and don't forget my dear mamma and papa. JOSEPH MARTIN.

Hammond, Ind., Dec. 20.
Dear Santa Claus: As Christmas is coming nearer I thought I would write you a few lines to tell you what I want. I want a set of dishes and a story book and some gloves and some hair ribbons and a doll with a coat and hat and nuts and candy. Don't forget mamma and papa and the poor children. From MABEL MARTIN.

Hammond, Ind., Dec. 20.
Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl six years old. I go every day to the Lafayette school. I am in the first grade. Christmas is coming soon and I want to tell you what I want. We are not poor so bring me a lot of things. Mamma told me to ask you if you would bring me that white bedroom set which was in the Lion store window. I want a little baby sister because I am the only girl in the family. I have two brothers. I wish you would bring me a nice long switch because my hair is very thin. My two friends, Myrtle and Iris, have long and thick hair. It is very beautiful. I want a pretty doll, a ball, a buggy, set of dishes. That will be all. Don't forget the poor. Oh, yes, bring me a coat because the one I have is very shabby, and I want a big set of fox furs and a large oak piano because I am a beautiful piano player. That is what my friends tell me, but I don't know whether they mean it. I will close. I suppose my two friends will write you a letter as they are very rich and live in Homewood. They come to school with silk dresses on.

Hammond, Ind., Dec. 20.
Dear Santa Claus: I thought that I would tell you what I want for Xmas. I want a train of cars, a boy scout suit, drum, a soldier suit, a magic machine, a toy automobile, a jockey cap, and some nuts and candy. Bring my two

SEE that Rudolph Spreckels has quit the democratic party. Why don't he use some of his sugar to sweeten his sour grapes?

IF THINGS KEEP ON THE WAY THEY ARE GOING, EUGENICS, HYGIENE, AND SIMPLIFIED SPELLING AND A KNOWLEDGE OF ADDING MACHINES WILL CONSTITUTE THE MAIN STUDIES IN THE LITTLE RED SCHOOL HOUSE.

INDIANAPOLIS folks pained to learn that they have been drinking imitation milk. And Indianapolis is such a rural center, too!

THE egg nog connoisseurs are going to have hard sledding this Christmas.

IN reflecting that President Yuan has ordered the dissolution of the Chinese parliament no doubt many folks wished that they lived in the Celestial kingdom.

POUGHKEEPSIE doctor used music instead of anasthetic at appendicitis operation. Things may come to such a pass that the operating room will contain doctors, nurses, and a stringed orchestra.

BOXING commission has ruled that fighters must do any more stalling. President Wilson ought to arrange for a Mexican boxing commission.

WITHOUT doubt Secretary Bryan will accept his invitation to President Wilson's cabinet dinner thereby giving the high cost of living another hard blow.

Goodbye. I live on Summer street. ANNIE WEHER.

Hammond, Ind., Dec. 20.
Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy six years old. I go to school every day. I am in room one in the A class. I would like for you to bring me a drum, black board, horns, a train of cars, a set of blocks, candy, nuts and oranges and a Xmas tree. Don't forget my mamma and papa. Your friend, LESTER MARION MORSE.

554 Summer street.
Crown Point, Ind., Dec. 20.
Dear Santa: As it is near Christmas I will write and let you know what I would like to have. I am a little boy four years old. Please bring me a Teddy Bear, a train, a rocking horse and a drum, and some nuts and candy. From your little friend, HARRY NOLAN.

Crown Point, Ind., Dec. 20.
Dear Santa: I thought I would write you a letter asking you to please bring me a big doll, a go-cart, a set of dishes and a little flat iron and some nuts and candy. Please remember the poor children all over the world on Christmas. I am a little girl seven years old. From your friend, GLADYS NOLAN.

Hammond, Ind., Dec. 20.
Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a new doll, some games and a story book, a Xmas tree with trinkets on. But please go to the homes of the little children who have no mamma or papa first. If you have anything left then come to my house. From your little friend, DOLLY GREEN.

420 Truman avenue.
Hammond, Ind., Dec. 20.

Dear Santa: I thought I would write you a few lines to let you know what I want for Christmas. I want a doll, a go-cart, a Teddy bear, a play piano and a parlor set and a few handkerchiefs and a pair of gloves, nuts and candy and a Christmas tree. I am a girl ten years of age, go to school every day. I wish the door open so that you can come in. I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. With love, MARIE MILLER.

88 Hanover street.
Hammond, Ind., Dec. 20.

Dear Santa: I am a little girl eight years old. I want to tell you what I would like for Xmas. Please bring me a cupboard, a doll bed, Xmas tree and some nuts, candy and oranges. Wishing you a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year. Your friend, KATHERINE BECKER.

308 Henry street.
Hammond, Ind., Dec. 20.
Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy and go to school every day. I am writing so that I could tell you what I want for Xmas. I would like a jack in the box and a motorcycle that will run when you wind it up and a blow horn and a track of trains and a drum and a sled. I will hang my stocking up over the fire place. Don't forget me, Santa. Your little boy, LORES FORSTER.

122 Williams street.
Hammond, Ind., Dec. 20.
Dear Santa: I thought I would write you a few lines to let you know what I want. I only want you to bring me a few things this year. I want a crying doll, set of dishes, a sewing machine, drum, candy and nuts and a Christmas tree. Don't forget my big sister. Your little friend, PEARL LAATSCH.

Hammond, Ind., Dec. 20.
Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl 7 years old. I go to school every day so will you please bring me a doll buggy, pair of roller skates, Indian suit, a tricycle, desk, a ring, a bracelet, a watch, a little dresser, a little chair, a little stove and a Christmas tree, a set of China dishes. I forgot, I want a story book of Uncle Tom's Cabin. Your friend, HELEN KENNEDY.

Hammond, Ind., Dec. 20.
Dear Santa Claus: I thought that I would tell you what I want for Xmas. I want a train of cars, a boy scout suit, drum, a soldier suit, a magic machine, a toy automobile, a jockey cap, and some nuts and candy. Bring my two

sisters a piece of sugar and my brother a rubber doll, and don't forget my mamma and papa and the poor people. PAUL WICKHART.

1289 Harrison avenue.
Hammond, Ind., Dec. 20.
Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl five years old and go to kindergarten every day. Will you please bring me a doll buggy, story book, fairy tale, a bracelet and ring. Your little friend, HELEN MOSTBY.

Hammond, Ind., Dec. 20.
Dear Santa: I am writing to you to let you know what I want for Xmas. I want a soldier suit, a pop-gun, a tin sword, a rocking horse and a whip. I also would like a Christmas tree and some candy and nuts. Do not forget papa and mamma and the poor. I will leave the back door unlocked so you can come in that way. From your loving little man, FRANK R. COLGROVE.

Hammond, Ind., Dec. 20.
Dear Santa Claus: I am a nice little boy, but large for my age. I want a pair of red top boots, a drum and a Teddy bear because I lost my dog, a tin whistle, and never mind a sled because we haven't any snow. Don't forget my little sister Eva. She wants a big rubber doll. Your little friend, DAVID NELSON.

512 East Sibley street.
East Chicago, Ind., Dec. 20.
Dear Santa Claus: I am going to tell you what I want for Xmas. I want two story books, a doll and buggy and a kitchen set, nuts and candy and a Christmas tree. Please do not forget the poor children and the orphans. Hoping you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. From your true friend, THELMA WILLIAMS.

East Chicago, Ind., Dec. 20.
Dear Santa Claus: I am a girl nine years old and go to the McKinley school every day. I would like for Christmas a doll, doll clothes, a story book, a game, a tree and nuts and candy. Please do not forget the poor and the orphans. Your friend, EVELYN OSTERBERG.

East Chicago, Ind., Dec. 20.
Dear Santa Claus: I want for Christmas a jointed doll, a dresser, a doll buggy, a sled, a book, a doll house, a sideboard and that's all I want. But don't forget the poor.

RUTH NELSON.
East Chicago, Ind., Dec. 20.
Dear Santa Claus: It is before Christmas. Will you please bring us Christmas presents? If you bring me I want a football, a story book. That's all I want. From your friend, MORRIS FEIN.

East Chicago, Ind., Dec. 20.
Dear Santa Claus: I wrote this letter to let you know what I want for Christmas. Please bring me a desk to do my lessons on, book and some candy and nuts and a Christmas tree. I am a boy nine years old. Do not forget the poor children and the orphans, too. Your friend, LAWRENCE GARTHWAITHE.

4414 Magoun avenue.
East Chicago, Ind., Dec. 20.
My Dear Santa Claus: Will you be good to bring me some presents for Christmas? If you will then I'll write what I want. I want roller skates, doll, bracelet, little piano, ring, handkerchief, pocketbook, necklace, ribbon, candy, nuts and black slippers. Please decorate my Christmas tree. Be so good and bring that what I want, and please don't forget the little orphans. Your friend, MARY PODEZWA.

4818 Weeg avenue.
East Chicago, Ind., Dec. 20.
Dear Santa Claus: I am a girl 9 years old and go to school every day. Will you bring me a doll, a go-cart, a set of dishes, a muff and fur, a toy piano, a doll's dress, a ribbon, a Christmas tree, a chair, a table, a pair of ice skates, a little brother and a story book. Please remember the poor and orphan children or do not bring me anything. Your friend, LUCILE BAINBRIDGE.

5015 Magoun avenue.
East Chicago, Ind., Dec. 20.
Dear Santa Claus: It is so very near Xmas that I thought I would write you a letter. But first of all do not forget the poor people. I want an electric motor, a basket ball and a pair of athletic shoes. And I think little and big children should behave because Christ was born on Christmas day. Your loving friend, ARTHUR EILERS.

4827 Baring avenue.
East Chicago, Ind., Dec. 20.
Dear Santa Claus: I am a boy ten years of age. I am going to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a camera, six books, one box of film, two boxes of slides, one box of candy, four games, a stocking full of nuts, candy and a Christmas tree. One thing more, please do not forget the poor and the orphans. Your loving friend, JOHN JOHNSBY.

5305 Kennedy avenue.
East Chicago, Ind., Dec. 20.
Dear Santa Claus: I want a doll, a doll buggy, a dresser, a sideboard. I am a girl of nine years old. I will hang up my stockings by my bed and you will fill them up with candy and nuts. When I wake up I will be glad. Your loving friend, PAULINE SWIDERSKI.

4931 Weeg avenue.
East Chicago, Ind., Dec. 20.
Dear Santa Claus: I am a boy ten years old. I want a sled, a pair of skates, an air rifle, a football, a magic lantern and I will hang up my stockings and you will fill them up with candy and nuts. I am a poor child. Your loving friend, EDWARD SWIDERSKI.

4931 Weeg avenue.
East Chicago, Ind., Dec. 20.
Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl 9 years old. I must have a new dress and a doll, a drawer, a buggy, some nuts and candy and a pair of mittens, some doll clothes, a pair of slippers, a rocking chair and a game and a bracelet, a locket and a picture book and I am going to have my stockings by my bed so you can put them in it. Your friend, HELENA BALD.

4558 Magoun avenue.
East Chicago, Ind., Dec. 20.
Dear Santa Claus: I am writing a letter to you, Santa Claus, to bring me toys, candies and peanuts for Christ-

WILL SOON ASCEND THE THRONE OF A PRINCIPALITY BORN OF THE BALKAN WAR.



The European powers have offered to Prince William of Wied the throne of Albania, and he is expected to take up his duties as ruler of the new principality in January. Prince William is the elder of the two brothers of Frederick, Prince of Wied. He holds a commission in the Prussian army. In 1906 he married Sophia, Princess of Schonburg-Waldenburg. His only child, Princess Maria Eleonora, was born at Potsdam on February 12, 1909.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a girl of nine years. I want a rocking chair, a table and a big doll with long black hair. I want some nuts and candy and fruit. Do not forget the orphans or the poor. Your friend, AUDREY CARNES.

Hammond, Ind., Dec. 20.
Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy nine years old and have been very good all year. I want a Teddy bear, a tin train and track. Will try and be a better boy next year. From your friend, C. J. CRAWFORD.

Hammond, Ind., Dec. 20.
Dear Santa Claus: I will write you a letter so that you will not forget me. My name is Harold Austgen. I want you to bring me an American model butter, a football, a soldier's suit and a wagon. I live at 41 Douglas street. I am nine years old. Your loving friend, HAROLD AUSTGEN.

P. S. I forgot to tell you to bring my teacher something and the poor. Hessville, Ind., Dec. 20.
Dear Santa Claus: We have only a few days till Xmas so please bring me a doll coat and a bonnet and brown wig and a Christmas tree and some nuts and candy. Don't forget my little nephew, also my little sister. From your friend, IRENE VANES.



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